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SUBJECT: ICELAND SUPPORTS ENGAGING GEORGIA IN NATO'S  
INTENSIFIED DIALOGUE

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Classified By: AMBASSADOR CAROL VAN VOORST, REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

¶1. (C) Post delivered reftel demarche on April 4 to Thordur Bjarni Gudjonsson, Icelandic MFA Head of Security and Disarmament Division. Gudjonsson affirmed that Iceland agrees with U.S. points and will support intensified dialogue (ID) on NATO membership with Georgia. A Georgian delegation headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Georgi Manjgaladze and Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Konstantin Gabashvili visited Reykjavik March 27-28 to brief the Government of Iceland on democratic developments in Georgia and to urge integration of Georgia into Euro-Atlantic structures. According to Gudjonsson, the Georgians made a compelling case that their country has shown tremendous democratic progress.

¶2. (C) Comment: Iceland strongly supports NATO enlargement so long as the process remains merit-based. Iceland is also ordinarily inclined to join NATO consensus. If Allies are largely sympathetic to ID, and later a Membership Action Plan, for Georgia, Iceland will comfortably follow their lead. End comment.

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